

(c) whether the Study Centre, 2746 Bharati Public School of National Open School situated in Delhi had sent the marks of T.M.A. to the controller of the examination in 1995;

(d) if so, whether the National Open School has taken any decision to give concession to the students affected by the said T.M.A.; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Curvery Water Dispute

2308. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cauvery River Water Dispute Tribunal has started its proceedings;

(b) the details of the claims made by different concerned State Governments submitted to the Tribunal/ Government;

(c) whether the Tribunal have issued any directions to concerned State Governments regarding resolution of Cauvery Water Dispute;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Tribunal/Union Government to resolve the dispute amicably as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The actual share of water claimed by basin States in the Tribunal is as under :

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| (i) Karnataka | - | 465 TMC |
| (ii) Tamil Nadu | - | Flows to be ensured in accordance with the terms of the Agreement of 1892 and 1924. |
| (iii) Kerala | - | 99.8 TMC |
| (iv) Pondicherry | - | 9.3 TMC |

(c) to (e) The Tribunal has conducted 104 hearings upto 28.2.97 and the basin states are participating in the proceedings of the Tribunal.

Further steps can be taken by the Union Government only after the final adjudication by the Tribunal.

[English]

Indian Workers in Gulf Countries

2309. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to assist Indian Workers in Gulf Countries who are in grief due to accidents or other mishaps; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Indian Missions take a number of steps to ameliorate the condition of Indian workers in distress due to their involvement in accidents or other mishaps. These are, inter alia;

- (i) in case of death, arrangements are made in coordination with the employers, the local police authorities and the next of kin for disposal of the mortal remains either by despatch to India, or otherwise, in accordance with local laws and procedures;
- (ii) in case of serious injury arising out of accident or other mishaps, Indian Missions arrange for the required medical treatment through the employer locally or if necessary to send the person back to India for treatment;
- (iii) in cases where compensation, service benefits, outstanding salary, etc., are due to the deceased or injured, Indian Missions take up each case with the sponsor for speedy settlement. Whenever necessary, cases are taken up with the concerned authorities of the foreign Government to intervene with the employers for a fair settlement of dues of the worker. The dues realised are sent to the concerned district authorities for disbursement to the workers/legal heirs in India;
- (iv) the Consular, Passport and Visa Division of the Ministry of External Affairs coordinates follow-up action, in case the Indian workers are still dissatisfied with the efforts made by the Indian missions abroad.

[Translation]

Receipt of Project Report

2310. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been sharp decline in annual receipt of project reports in Central Water Commission for evaluation while the number of directorates engaged in this work have been increased five times; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of proposals to stop the misuse of public funds by reducing the number of directorates?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

KV AGCR Delhi

2311. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of students in Kendriya Vidyalaya, AGCR Delhi;

(b) whether the number have gone beyond the sanctioned strength;

(c) if so, the arrangements being made to deal with the problem;

(d) whether the Government propose to allocate additional finance keeping in view the strength of students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) The total number of students in Kendriya Vidyalaya, AGCR is 3325 as on 28.2.1997.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Vidyalaya is functioning in two shifts to deal with the problem.

(d) and (e) Allocation is made to the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan based on requirements and general availability of funds.

Tobacco Related Disease

2312. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated number of persons in India who consume tobacco;

(b) the amount spent by the Government annually on combating diseases caused by tobacco; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ban the use of tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) It is estimated that nearly 14.2 crore men and 7.2 crore women use tobacco in India.

(b) No such data is available at present. However, Government have constituted an expert committee which would inter-alia study the economic cost of Tobacco use.

(c) Government do not propose a ban on the use of tobacco. However, steps are being taken to discourage consumption of Tobacco.

[English]

Indo-Mauritius Agreement

2313. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Mauritius have signed any credit agreement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and benefits likely to be gained by India out of this agreement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agreement, signed on February 5, 1997, provides a credit of US \$ 3 million to the Government of Mauritius for importing from India capital goods, consultancy services and consumer durables. The credit will cover 90% of the F.O.B. value of the goods imported from India. The credit agreement is expected to promote increased exports of goods and consultancy services from India to Mauritius.

[Translation]

Repair of Damaged Bridges and Canals

2314. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bridges on the various canals of Ajamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh have been damaged;

(b) whether the irrigation department is not repairing these bridges due to which many accident can take place at any time;

(c) whether inspite of repeated requests for repairs of the bridges of Dheckma Bazar and Jamuvanva and Mahuari Villages the same have not been carried out so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to repair those damaged bridges?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Indian Mission Abroad

2315. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the countries where Indian Missions do not exist at present;